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In re Application of  
PÖPEL (Deceased) et al.  
Application No.: 10/574,973  
PCT No.: PCT/EP04/11258  
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Priority Date: 15 October 2003  
Attorney Docket no.: 288240USOPCT  
For: CATALYTIC BULK MATERIAL HAVING  
CATALYTICALLY INACTIVE SHAPED BODIES  
THAT ARE ROUNDED OFF ON THE EXTERNAL  
FRICTION SURFACES

DECISION ON  
REQUEST  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.42

This is a decision on applicant's submission under 37 CFR 1.42 filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 24 July 2007.

On 07 April 2006, applicant filed a declaration, which identified all inventors and was executed by five of six inventors and by Karin Pöpel, identifying her as heir for deceased inventor Wolfgang Jürgen Pöpel. The declaration provided the citizenship, residency and mailing address for all inventors including the deceased inventor as well as the heir's citizenship, residency and mailing address.

On 07 December 2006, a decision was mailed to applicant indicating that the declaration identified only one heir and it was unclear whether Ms. Popel was the sole heir and whether a legal representative of the deceased's estate had been appointed or was statutorily required to be appointed. Applicant was advised to promptly notify the Office of such and to submit a declaration properly executed by the legal representative of the deceased inventor in response to the decision.

On 21 February 2007, applicant provided a statement by Karin Pöpel indicating that she is the sole heir and legal representative of the deceased inventor Wolfgang Jürgen Pöpel.

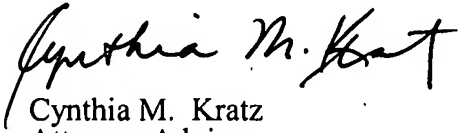
On 24 July 2007, applicant provided a statement by Roswitha Schoner declaring that the English translation of the "declaration, which was filed on April 7, 2006 is an accurate translation". See also MPEP 602.06.

The declaration submitted on 07 April 2006 is acceptable and is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b). Accordingly, it is appropriate to accord the national stage application status under 37 CFR §1.42.

**CONCLUSION**

For the above reasons, the request for status under 37 CFR 1.42 is **GRANTED**. The declaration is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.69(b).

The application will be forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office for further processing. The 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) date is **07 April 2006**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cynthia M. Kratz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cynthia" being more prominent than the last name "Kratz".

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